

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Amendment in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 1, 2006, in which the Examiner noted that the previously filed Amendment dated May 25, 2006 was non-compliant because the Applicants failed to provide the proper status identifier, specifically claim 42. In response, Applicants provide a complete listing of the claims as presented in the Amendment filed on May 25, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that this matter is now believed to be resolved with this Amendment.

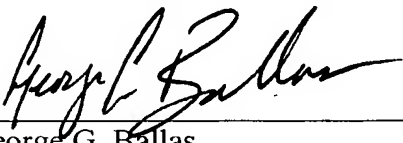
Applicants believe the foregoing arguments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

Respectfully submitted,

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